

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

DEPARTMENTAL REGULATION		Number: 1043-044
SUBJECT: Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee	DATE: April 13, 2001	
	OPI: Forest Service	

1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- a This charter renews the Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee (Committee) in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463).
- b The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and to the Federal Interagency Partnership (Partnership), established by Executive Order 13057, on how the Partnership can best fulfill its duties pursuant to that order to protect the extraordinary natural, recreational, and ecological resources in the Lake Tahoe Region, as defined by Public Law 91-148.
- c The advice of the Committee shall consist of the consensus of its members, representing the broad array of local, regional, State, tribal, and national interests concerned with the environmental and economic health of the Lake Tahoe Basin, and with associated cultural and historic values.

2 TERM

- a This departmental regulation is a revision of and cancels 1043-44, dated June 16, 2000. The revision clarifies the array of the Committee's interests and the breadth of its concerns.
- b This regulation will expire 2 years from the date of the filing of the original.

3 MEMBERSHIP

- a The advisory committee will consist of no more than 20 members. The Committee Chair will be recommended by the Committee and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

- b The advisory committee members will represent a broad array of interests in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Three representatives will be selected as members-at-large, and one representative will be selected from each of the following sectors: 1) gaming, 2) environmental, 3) national environmental, 4) ski resorts, 5) North Shore economic/recreation, 6) South Shore economic/recreation, 7) resort associations, 8) education, 9) property rights advocates, 10) science and research, 11) local government, 12) Washoe Tribe, 13) State of California, 14) State of Nevada, 15) Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, 16) labor, and 17) transportation.
- c Vacancies will be advertised for 15 days in the Federal Register to seek interested candidates for the advisory committee.
- d A vacancy on the committee will be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.
- e Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

4 DUTIES

- a The Committee shall:
 - (1) Provide periodic reports, prepared on a schedule to be established by the Chair of the Partnership, recommending specific actions that should be taken by the agencies participating in the Partnership, individually and collectively, to assist the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency in implementing its programs, including the Environmental Improvement Program, to achieve and maintain the environmental threshold carrying capacities as mandated by the Tahoe Regional Compact (Pub. L. 96-551), and to achieve its other goals, including economic goals for the Lake Tahoe Basin;
 - (2) Respond to requests from the Partnership or its Chair for any other advice relating to the Partnership's fulfillment of its duties pursuant to Executive Order 13057;

- (3) Advise, as requested by the Partnership or its Chair, on the preparation of annual reports to the President on the implementation Executive Order 13057;
- (4) Advise on how to facilitate the integration and coordination of appropriate federal programs and funds to help achieve the goals of the Environment Improvement Program.

b In providing advice the Committee may:

- (1) Conduct, as part of its review, public meetings to gather information and to review management strategies and accomplishments as well as other relevant information to encourage public participation and discussion; and
- 2) Prepare work plans that outline planned activities and timelines for accomplishing tasks responsive to the purpose and scope of this charter.

5 ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATIONS COSTS

- a Members of the Committee shall serve without pay, but with reimbursement of travel expenses in accordance with Federal per diem rates for attendance at the meetings with an agenda approved by the Designated Federal Official.
- b Annual estimated operating costs of the Committee are \$20,000. Expenses will be borne by the USDA Forest Service each year. In addition, Federal staff support is estimated at 1.0 staff year per year.

6 NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- a The advisory committee will meet as often as is necessary to complete its business, but no less than four times a year.
- b A majority of the members of the advisory committee shall constitute a quorum for a meeting that will provide consensus direction.

7 REPORTS/SUPPORT

- a The advisory committee reports to the Secretary of Agriculture.

- b Clerical and other administrative support for the advisory committee will be provided by the USDA Forest Service.

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